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In re Application of  
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed November 7, 2002, and supplemented by facsimile transmission on November 12, 2002, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for express abandonment. See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3). The above-identified application is expressly abandoned in favor of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8859.

The application is being forwarded to Files Repository.

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